IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re Application of CHEVRON CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation,

Applicant,

3TM CONSULTING, LLC, a Texas limited liability corporation, and 3TM INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Texas corporation,

Respondents.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:10-mc-134

EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1782 PERMITTING CHEVRON CORPORATION TO ISSUE A SUBPOENA FOR THE TAKING OF A DEPOSITION AND THE PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS FROM 3TM

Based upon the annexed declarations of Andrea E. Neuman and Samantha A. Lunn and the accompanying memorandum of points and authorities, Chevron Corporation ("Chevron") hereby applies to this Court *ex parte* for an Order, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1782, and Rules 26, 30 and 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, granting Chevron leave to serve 3TM International, Inc. with a subpoena annexed to the Declaration Samantha A. Lunn as Exhibit A, and leave to serve 3TM Consulting, LLC ("3TM") with a subpoena annexed to the Declaration Samantha A. Lunn as Exhibit B.

The requested relief is for the purpose of obtaining limited, but necessary, discovery for use in a civil proceeding currently pending before a foreign tribunal: *Maria Aguinda y Otros v. Chevron Corporation*, a suit filed in 2003 against Chevron in the Superior Court of Nueva Loja, Ecuador (the "Lago Agrio Litigation"). In sum, Chevron seeks documents and a deposition from 3TM because its work product appears secretly to have been adopted by a testifying expert in the Lago Agrio Litigation. This expert's report, which purports to provide the basis for a \$27 billion "damage assessment" against Chevron, is now at issue in the Lago Agrio Litigation.

Chevron is a party to and thus an "interested person" in the Lago Agrio Litigation under Section 1782, and the discovery sought is for use in that proceeding. And the target of this discovery, namely 3TM, is found within this district. Chevron thus meets all the statutory criteria for the issuance of an order allowing the requested discovery. 28 U.S.C. § 1782. Moreover, as set forth in its Memorandum of Points and Authorities filed concurrently herewith, all the discretionary factors that this Court may consider likewise favor granting this *ex parte* Application. Chevron thus respectfully requests that its Application be granted.

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Respectfully submitted,

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